



Background

The Ohio Department of Commerce is responsible for licensing medical marijuana cultivators. The Department can award up to 12 **Level I** licenses, and up to 12 **Level II** licenses. **Level I** cultivators will be able to have up to 25,000 square feet of cultivation area, and **Level II** cultivators will be able to have up to 3,000 square feet of cultivation area.

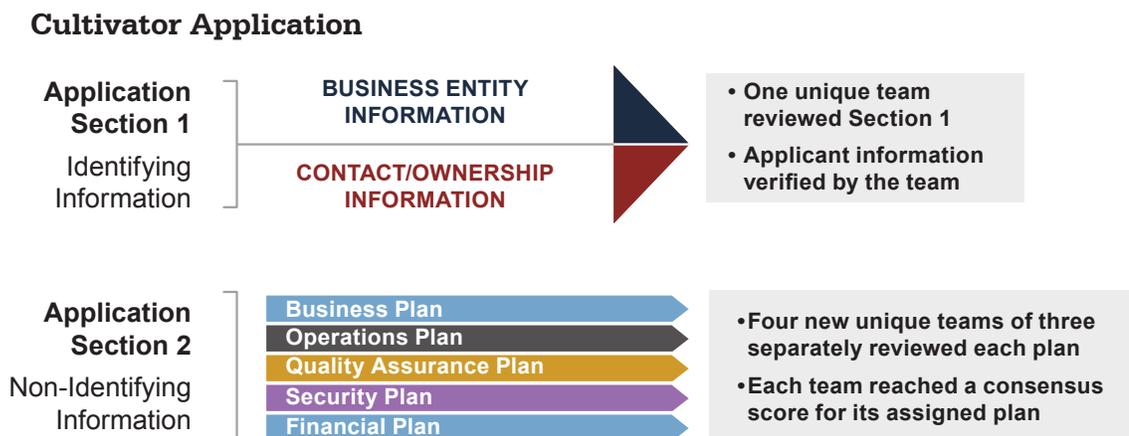
To date, the Medical Marijuana Control Program has met all statutory deadlines to ensure the state of Ohio has an effective, safe and operational program by September 2018.

Application Process

The Department conducted research including gathering information from other state programs about what worked and how Ohio could create a robust, unbiased review process. For example, feedback indicated that it was critical to involve people with industry expertise in the process and to develop a blind scoring process.

Review Process

The Ohio Department of Commerce conducted a comprehensive, fair and impartial evaluation of all applications that were submitted for medical marijuana cultivator licenses. The process was designed to ensure that all applications were scored solely on merit, and each portion of Section 2 of the application was scored by separate teams of individuals who were required to reach a consensus score for the plan. Information in Section 1 was verified but not scored.



The Results

The Department's review, which was completed in November, resulted in the award of 12 **Level I** and 12 **Level II** provisional cultivator licenses.



All applicants have been notified of the results of their application review. The Department will inspect site locations and confirm that provisional licensees meet all requirements before awarding certificates of operation. Once those certificates are issued, applicants will be able to begin grow operations.

Applicants who were not awarded provisional licenses and want to challenge award decisions will have the opportunity to do so in an independent appeal process. Hearing information was mailed to each applicant.